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1. APRIL 25 PRESS AGAIN REPORTS THAT KING'S SIGNATURE ON DISSOLUTION DOCUMENT WAS FORGED.
2. ACCORDING TIMES' RENDEL, RELATIONS BETWEEN ALL WESTERN, AND MANY OTHER EMBASSIES, AND NEW GOV'T CLEARLY MOST RESERVED. US AMBASSADOR SAW PRIMIN KOLIAS, "PRIMARILY TO PROTECT INTERESTS OF AMERICAN NATIONALS. AMBASSADOR ALSO BELIEVED TO HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT POSSIBLE FATE OF POLITICAL DETAINEES, AND IT MAY BE ASSUMED BRITISH AND MANY OTHER WESTERN EMBASSIES HAVE TAKEN SAME LINE INFORMALLY". GERMAN AMBASSADOR DID NOT SEE FONMIN ECONOMOU-GOURAS OFF AT AIRPORT.
3. GUARDIAN'S WALL REPORTS NAVAL LEADERS SWORE ALLEGIANCE TO KING AND LAST FRIDAY OFFERED TAKE HIM TO CRETE. KING REFUSED, KNOWING HIS DEPARTURE WOULD SPLIT COUNTRY AND LEAD TO CIVIL WAR. "NO THINKING PERSON (WALL HAS) MET BELIEVES REGIME CAN SURVIVE", BUT EVERYONE FEARS ITS REMOVAL WILL HAVE TO BE BY FORCE.
4. IN EDITORIAL ENTITLED "RECRUIT TO THE TOTALITARIANS", GUARDIAN DESCRIBES AS PROVOCATIVE BOTH GEORGE PAPENDREOU'S CALL FOR "PEOPLES REVOLUTION" AND THE ATTEMPT TO PROSECUTE ANDREAS FOR ALLEGED PART IN ASPIDA PLOT. SUPPOSED DEMONSTRATION IN SALONIKA WAS OCCASION AND NOT CAUSE OF COUP. BRUCE
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